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Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2006 12:32 PM

To: MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov

Subject: MLPAComments: Your Assistance Requested

Importance: High

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you in support of the creation of a Marine Protected Area, Package 2 in the Monterey Bay Area. My name is Tony Sung and I am a resident of Contra Costa County. For the past 20 years I have been scuba diving in Monterey and Carmel. For the past 16 years I have been teaching scuba diving to beginning Open Water Divers as well as Scuba Instructors. I have witnessed first hand the tremendous sea life this area has to offer. I have also witnessed the joy and sense accomplishments that new divers have felt in being certified and in understanding our great eco-system in the area. Sadly I have also witnessed a gradual decrease in the biodiversity of this area.

The areas encompassed in Package 2 represents the most diversified diving and marine life the Sanctuary has to offer. We owe it to ourselves and generations to come to make sure that this area, not only for divers but for kayakers, boaters, and the general sight seeing public that it will remain one of the best places in the world. Monterey is and has always been one of the richest biomes in the world, lets not make it "was".

If the Task Force recommends Package S as the Preferred Alternative, I respectfully ask that you consider the following modifications to the South Monterey Area and the North Carmel Bay area: that the Captain Edward C. Cooper State Marine Reserve be established between the Breakwater and Lover's Point to a depth of 60 feet; that a SMR be established from the Outer Pinnacles eastwardly, past Pescadero Point, to include Dali's Reef, the second most popular dive site next to the Pinnacles, in North Carmel Bay.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tony Sung, President Nautilus Aquatics Dive Center